

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (New) A handlebar mount assembly, comprising:

a triple clamp mountable to an associated vehicle for rotation about a steering axis;

a first handlebar clamp assembly comprising a first lower handlebar clamp and a first upper handlebar clamp connectable to said first lower handlebar clamp, said first upper handlebar clamp and said first lower handlebar clamp cooperating to define a first aperture configured to receive a handlebar;

a second handlebar clamp assembly comprising a second lower handlebar clamp and a second upper handlebar clamp connectable to said second lower handlebar clamp, said second upper handlebar clamp and said second lower handlebar clamp cooperating to define a second aperture configured to receive a handlebar, said first aperture and said second aperture defining a handlebar passage aligned along an axis of a handlebar;

wherein each of said first lower handlebar clamp and said second lower handlebar clamp are removeably connectable to said triple clamp at first and second locations spaced from one another in a direction perpendicular to said handlebar axis;

at least one dampener interposed between said triple clamp and said first lower handlebar clamp and said triple clamp and said second lower handlebar clamp.

5. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 4, wherein said at least one dampener comprises a first dampener and a second dampener associated with each of said first and second lower handlebar clamps, said first dampener positioned at said first location and said second dampener positioned at said second location.

6. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 4, wherein said at least one dampener abuts said first lower handlebar clamp and said second lower handlebar clamp.

7. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 4, wherein said first and second locations are located on a line extending perpendicular to said handlebar axis.

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8. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 4, additionally comprising at least one fastener connecting each of said first and second lower handlebar clamps to said triple clamp.

9. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 8, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, wherein another dampener is positioned between a head portion of said bolt and a lower surface of said triple clamp.

10. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 8, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, said bolt extending through said dampener.

11. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 8, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, said bolt comprising a shaft having a shaft axis oriented perpendicular to a plane of said triple clamp.

12. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 8, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a first bolt and a second bolt, said first bolt positioned at said first location and said second bolt positioned at said second location.

13. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 4, wherein said dampener at said first location is a separate member from said dampener at said second location.

14. (New) A handlebar mount assembly, comprising:

a triple clamp mountable to an associated vehicle for rotation about a steering axis;

at least one handlebar clamp assembly comprising a lower handlebar clamp and an upper handlebar clamp connectable to said lower handlebar clamp, said upper handlebar clamp and said lower handlebar clamp cooperating to define an aperture configured to receive a handlebar and defining a handlebar axis;

wherein said lower handlebar clamp is removeably connectable to said triple clamp and wherein, in response to a twisting force applied to said lower handlebar clamp, said lower handlebar clamp and said triple clamp cooperate to provide a first resistance force at a first location and a second resistance force at a second location spaced from said first location in a direction perpendicular to said handlebar axis, said first and second resistance forces cooperating to resist rotation of said lower handlebar clamp relative to said triple clamp;

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at least one dampener interposed between said lower handlebar clamp and said triple clamp.

15. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, additionally comprising at least one fastener connecting said lower handlebar clamp to said triple clamp.

16. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, and wherein another dampener is positioned between a head portion of said bolt and a lower surface of said triple clamp.

17. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, wherein said at least one dampener is positioned at each of said first location and said second location.

18. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 17, wherein said at least one dampener comprises a first dampener positioned at said first location and a second dampener positioned at said second location.

19. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, wherein said at least one dampener abuts said lower handlebar clamp and said triple clamp.

20. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, additionally comprising at least one fastener connecting said lower handlebar clamp to said triple clamp.

21. The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 20, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, wherein another dampener is positioned between a head portion of said bolt and a lower surface of said triple clamp.

22. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 20, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, said bolt extending through said at least one dampener.

23. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 20, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a bolt, said bolt comprising a shaft having a shaft axis oriented perpendicular to a plane of said triple clamp.

24. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 20, wherein said at least one fastener comprises a first bolt and a second bolt, said first bolt positioned at said first location and said second bolt positioned at said second location.

25. (New) The handlebar mount assembly of Claim 14, wherein said at least one dampener comprises a first dampener at said first location and a second dampener at said second location.

26. (New) A handlebar mount assembly, comprising:

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a triple clamp mountable to an associated vehicle for rotation about a steering axis;

at least one handlebar clamp assembly comprising a lower handlebar clamp and an upper handlebar clamp connectable to said lower handlebar clamp, said upper handlebar clamp and said lower handlebar clamp cooperating to at least partially define an aperture configured to receive a handlebar and having a handlebar axis;

wherein said lower handlebar clamp is removeably connectable to said triple clamp and, in the presence of a twisting force applied to said lower handlebar clamp in a direction generally normal to said handlebar axis, means to resist rotation of said lower handlebar clamp relative to said triple clamp about an axis generally normal to said handlebar axis;

at least one dampener interposed between said lower handlebar clamp and said triple clamp.